[President.]

far as possible cannot look into such matters as it will only hamper the work of those commercial concerns. Most of the Government Servants—I do not mean any disrespect to the worthy men occupying the Treasury Benches—but most of them are absolutely unfit to tackle any commercial enterprise.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Sir, may I know whether Sir Gopalaswamy is devoting his full time to the Company's work?

PRESIDENT: As chairman of the Company the honourable Sir, Gopalaswamy Aiyengar, who has had considerable experience in running big enterprises and who, in the opinion of this Government, is probably one of the three or four of the most eminent political economists and men who have thought deeply on such matters in India, we hope will see that it is managed successfully.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Sir, why not the Government appoint a separate Officer to inspect these companies?

PRESIDENT: What is there to inspect?

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: To inspect the day to day work of the Company.

PRESIDENT: Order, order; We do not propose to do so.

Chemicals and Fertilisers Ltd.

169. *MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether any portion of reserve forest was put in the control of the Chemicals and Fertilisers Ltd.;

(*b*) if so, what the extent of that forest is; and

(*c*) what amount the company is to pay to the Government per annum for that?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*). Do not arise in view of the answer to (*a*).

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnathur*): Ma I know Sir, whether timber has been arranged to be supplied to thy Company at concessional rates?

PRESIDENT: No timber is now necessary for it?

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether any contract has been entered into in the matter of timber?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No, Sir.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Sir, may I know whether any negotiations are going on to put any of the reserved forests under the control of the Company?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Sir, there are no negotiations to put any of the reserved forests under the control of the Company.

Treasuries.

170 *MR. M. K. MOHAMED (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that great delay and inconvenience are felt by the public who have to transact business in the Government treasuries; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they would take steps to see that the speed of disposal would be brought up to the standard of the best banks in the country?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in the light of the answer to (*a*) above.

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